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GOLLY, SUPERGIRL, I COULD NEVER PLAY THIS GAME WITH AN ORDINARY FRIEND! FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE I'VE GOT A SUPER-PLAYMATE!
"SUPERBOY Meets SUPERGIRL!"
POOR SUPERBOY! IN A FEW DAYS I MUST RETURN TO THE FUTURE. HE WON'T SEE ME AGAIN UNTIL HE GROWS UP TO BE SUPERMAN!

SUPERBOY

The ADVENTURES of SUPERMAN WHEN HE WAS A BOY

IN SMALLVILLE ON EARTH, **SUPERBOY** HAS ALWAYS BEEN KNOWN AS A DEFENDER OF LAW AND ORDER AND A BITTER ENEMY OF CRIMEDOM! BUT ON ANOTHER WORLD FAR OFF IN SPACE ONE DAY, HE IS KNOWN AS QUITE THE OPPOSITE! YES, YOU WON'T BELIEVE YOUR EYES WHEN YOU SEE THE BOY HERO OF EARTH BECOME THE BOY OUTLAW OF **ZOORIA**! AND YOU WILL NEVER GUESS WHAT A STRANGE TWIST OF DESTINY TRANSFORMS THE **BOY OF STEEL** INTO...

"The THIEF of STEEL!"

BAH, YOUR WEAPONS ARE USELESS, I'VE LOOTED YOUR *FORTRESS OF RICHES!*

BUT *SUPERBOY!* YOU ONCE SAVED OUR PLANET FROM GREAT DANGER! WHY HAVE YOU RETURNED TO ROB OUR WORLD LIKE A *SUPER-CRIMINAL?*

ON A CAMPING TRIP ONE DAY, A CERTAIN FAMILY FROM SMALLVILLE MEETS SUDDEN DANGER WHILE CLIMBING MOUNTAINS...

LUCKILY, THAT AVALANCHE MISSED US, MARTHA! IT'S ROLLED DOWN OVER OUR SON!

WATCH HIM SMASH HIS WAY OUT, JONATHAN!

NO WONDER THESE PARENTS ARE NOT WORRIED... THEY HAVE A VERY SPECIAL SON-- *SUPERBOY!*

EVEN A MOUNTAIN FALLING ON CLARK WOULDN'T HARM HIM! AS *SUPERBOY*, HE'S *INVULNERABLE!*

I'LL JUST FLY OUT! THE ROCKS ONLY RIPPED MY OUTER CLOTHING TO SHREDS!

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SOON, AFTER REMOVING HIS INDESTRUCTIBLE GLASSES, TOO...
I'LL USE MY X-RAY VISION TO CLEAR THE MOUNTAIN PATHWAY THAT THE LANDSLIDE COVERED! LUCKILY, MY SECRET IDENTITY IS SAFE! NOBODY ELSE WAS AROUND TO SEE WHAT HAPPENED!
BUT UNKNOWN TO SUPERBOY, THERE WERE TWO WITNESSES FROM SPACE!
ZOG! IF THAT EARTH BOY SURVIVED DEATH, HE MUST BE SUPERBOY!
YES, JIX! HE ONCE SAVED OUR WORLD! THEY SAY HE HAS MANY SUPER-POWERS! WE CAN USE HIM. COME ON...
THE KENTS ARE SEIZED BY THE ALIENS, AND WHEN SUPERBOY FINISHES HIS JOB...
HEY, LET MY PARENTS GO OR I'LL...
HALT, SUPER-BOY! I'M SPEAKING TO YOU BY MENTAL TELEPATHY! THIS GRENADE BOMB'S SPECIAL FUSE IS SET TO GO OFF IF YOU APPROACH!
WE'RE NOT BLUFFING! I'LL FLING A SPARE GRENADE NEAR YOU...
IT EXPLODED! GOT TO TURN BACK OR THE OTHER GRENADES WILL GO OFF AND KILL MOM AND DAD. BUT WHO ARE YOU?
BANG!
WE'RE CRIMINALS WHO CRUISE SPACE AND ROB PLANETS! BUT NOW YOU CAN TAKE OUR PLACE AND ROB A SUPER-RICH WORLD FOR US! REFUSE--AND WE KILL YOUR PARENTS!
YOU GIVE ME NO CHOICE!
WAIT... SUPERBOY AGREED TOO READILY! HE MAY TRY TO OUTWIT US!
HMM... WHY TAKE CHANCES? I HAVE AN IDEA! ONE OF HIS SUPER-POWERS THAT WE HEARD ABOUT WILL SAFEGUARD US!
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CUNNINGLY, THE ALIENS GIVE SUPERBOY SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS!
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO TRICK US, SUPERBOY! WE ORDER YOU TO USE THE SHINY SIDE OF OUR SHIP AS A MIRROR TO SUPER-HYPNOTIZE YOURSELF INTO AIDING US IN CRIME!
OMIGOSH! THEN I'D BE COMPELLED TO OBEY MY OWN HYPNOTIC COMMAND! I WOULDN'T HAVE A CHANCE TO TRICK THEM!

REFUSE US-- AND YOU DOOM YOUR PARENTS!
THAT WAS WHY SUPERBOY ORIGINALLY ADOPTED A DOUBLE IDENTITY! IT WAS TO PROTECT US FROM BEING SEIZED AS HOSTAGES BY CRIMINALS!

AN AGONIZING CHOICE FACES THE BOY OF STEEL!
SACRIFICE MY PARENTS? OR AID CRIME? WHAT SHALL I DO? WAIT... I'LL CHECK THROUGH SPACE WITH MY TELESCOPIC VISION! PERHAPS SPACE POLICE ARE HUNTING THESE OUT-LAWS.., HMM...

BUT SHORTLY...
LUCKY FOR YOU TWO, NO SPACE POLICE ARE COMING! I-I CAN'T SACRIFICE MY PARENTS' LIVES! I'LL DO AS YOU SAY IF YOU PROMISE TO RELEASE THEM!
WE PROMISE, SUPERBOY! JUST LOOT ANY RICH WORLD FOR US!

STARING INTO THE EYES OF HIS REFLECTION ON THE SHIP'S HULL, SUPERBOY PUTS HIMSELF INTO A SUPER-HYPNOTIC TRANCE AND...
GO-TO-A-WORLD-CALLED-ZOORIA-THAT-YOU-ONCE-VISITED-DURING-YOUR-SPACE-TRAVELS! OVERTHROW-THE-RULING-AUTHORITIES-THERE-AND-SEIZE-THEIR GREAT-WEALTH!

THEN, UNDER CONTROL OF HIS POST-HYPNOTIC COMMAND...
I WILL SMASH THE LAW ON ZOORIA!
JUST TO BE SURE, THIS MISSILE EYE WILL FOLLOW YOU AND SHOW US EVERY MOVE YOU MAKE! YOU CAN'T TRICK US!
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WHAT THE EYE SEES WILL SHOW UP ON OUR SCANNER SCREEN! NOW GO AND LOOT ZOORIA FOR US! HA, HA!
OH, JONATHAN! OUR BOY HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE CHAMPION OF LAW AND ORDER! SURELY HE CAN'T TURN TO CRIME!
BUT EVEN THE BOY OF STEEL CANNOT BREAK HIS HYPNOTIC SPELL... AND AT ZOORIA...
I MUST SEIZE THEIR WEALTH AND OVERTHROW THE RULERS! I KNOW FROM MY PREVIOUS VISIT WHERE THEIR THREE MAIN TREASURES ARE LOCATED!
SHORTLY, IN A HUGE CAVE...
FIRST I'LL TAKE THIS VAULT, GUARDED BY A GIANT ROBOT!
HALT! IF YOU DO NOT LEAVE, I'LL DESTROY YOU!
UNCONCERNED, THE BOY OF STEEL DEFIES SUPER-WEAPONS!
THE ROBOT SHOOTS LIGHTNING, ROCKET-BOMBS AND POWERFUL HEAT-RAYS! BAH! IT'S ALL WASTED ON ME!
BACK ON EARTH, AS MOM AND DAD KENT WATCH ON THE ALIEN'S SCANNER...
SUPERBOY'S SUPER-FIST SMASHED THE ROBOT INTO A PILE OF JUNK!
OH, JONATHAN! OUR SON IS TURNING CRIMINAL!
LATER, ON A REMOTE ISLAND OF ZOORIA...
SUPERBOY FLEW THE MONEY-VAULT THERE FOR US TO PICK UP LATER! HE'S LEAVING! HE MUST KNOW OF OTHER WEALTH TO BE SEIZED! HA, HA!

ELSEWHERE IN ZOORIA...
AT THE BOTTOM OF THAT LAKE IS THE LARGEST JEWEL IN THE UNIVERSE! IT'S GUARDED BY THIS ANDROID* GIANT! ZOORIAN SCIENTISTS GAVE HIM FOUR EYES TO SEE AND DRIVE AWAY ALL THIEVES! HE'S SWINGING HIS CLUB AT ME...
*AN ANDROID IS A CHEMICALLY-MADE MAN.-- ED.
WOP!
...BUT I'LL GIVE A SUPER-SHOVE AND MAKE IT KNOCK OUT THE GIANT HIMSELF!
PRESENTLY, AS TWO HEARTBROKEN PEOPLE WATCH THE SCANNER SCREEN...
SUPERBOY STOLE THAT GIANT JEWEL!
IT...IT'S THE SECOND ROBBERY COMMITTED BY OUR BOY! OH, THE SHAME OF IT!...
LATER, AS SUPERBOY BRINGS HIS LOOT TO THE ISLAND...
OH, OH! A ZOORIAN ROCKET SHIP SAW ME!
GREAT MOONS! SUPERBOY HAS REVISITED OUR WORLD TO SEIZE OUR RICHES! SEND A TELEPATHIC WARNING TO THE FORTRESS OF RICHES!
SWIFTLY, AT THE FORTRESS...
HURRY! WE WILL TRANSPORT OUR RICHES TO A SECRET SPOT IN OUR ARMORED ROCKETS, BEFORE SUPERBOY STRIKES?

SUPERBOY ARRIVES BEFORE THEY ESCAPE... BUT MEETS A SURPRISE!
OMIGOSH! GOT TO VEER AWAY BEFORE THOSE DEADLY RADIATIONS WEAKEN ME! BY SHEER CHANCE, THOSE ROCKETS ARE MADE OF THE METAL FROM A FLOCK OF BURIED KRYPTONITE METEORS THEY MINED!
SOON, SOME DISTANCE AWAY...
BUT I'LL STILL "STRIKE" THERE, AFTER I PICK UP THIS GIANT ROUND BOULDER AND RETURN!
THEN, AT A SAFE DISTANCE FROM THE KRYPTONITE RADIATIONS, SUPERBOY USES THE BOULDER LIKE A BOWLING BALL!
GOOD! THAT "STRIKE" SPLIT OPEN THE ARMORED ROCKETS SO THE LOOT SPILLED OUT! THE PILOTS NEVER REACHED THE ROCKETS!
KRASH
ON EARTH...
THE KRYPTONITE ROCKETS WERE KNOCKED FAR ENOUGH AWAY SO THAT SUPERBOY IS SAFE FROM THEIR RAYS! NOW HE CAN BRING THOSE RICHES TO THE ISLAND, TOO! IT'S OUR SON'S THIRD BIG HAUL!
BUT THE WORST IS YET TO COME AS SUPERBOY IS COMPELLED TO FOLLOW OUT HIS POST-HYPNOTIC COMMAND COMPLETELY!
I MUST ALSO OVER-THROW THE RULING AUTHORITIES! THERE'S THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE ZOORIAN LEADERS! HMM... I MUST FIND SOME STEEL BARS!
ZOORIAN WORLD CONGRESS
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FINDING SOME BARS, SUPERBOY WELDS THEM TO BLOCK ALL EXITS FROM THE RULERS' BUILDING...
SUPERBOY TURNED THE PLACE INTO A...JAIL! WE'RE PRISONERS NOW!

SOON... NOW HE'S RIPPING OUT BARS AT THE REAL ZOORIAN JAIL! HE... HE'S GOING TO LET THOSE CRIMINALS TAKE OVER!
GOOD! THAT MEANS OUR FELLOW ZOORIAN CROOKS WON'T STOP US WHEN WE PICK UP THE LOOT ON THE ISLAND!

SHORTLY, THE ALIEN SHIP DEPARTS...
SUPERBOY DID HIS JOB AND IS RETURNING TO EARTH! WE'LL RUSH TO ZOORIA NOW!
WE'RE FREE, MARTHA! HMM... IN THEIR EAGERNESS TO COLLECT THEIR LOOT, THEY LEFT THEIR INTERPLANETARY TELEPATHY TELEVISION SET BEHIND!

WHEN SUPERBOY ARRIVES...
I SAVED YOU, MOM AND DAD!
YES, SON...BUT YOU TURNED CRIMINAL TO DO IT! ZOG AND JIX WILL NOW TAKE THE LOOT YOU PILED UP FOR THEM!

LOOK...THE NEW ZOORIAN RULERS JUST LANDED, TOO! BUT THEY'RE CRIMINALS LIKE ZOG AND JIX!
DON'T WORRY, THEY'LL GIVE US THESE RICHES FOR GETTING SUPERBOY TO PUT THEM IN POWER! HA, HA!

BUT SURPRISINGLY...
FOOLS! WE ARE THE REAL RULERS OF ZOORIA! WE WERE RECENTLY OVERTHROWN BY A WORLD-WIDE CRIMINAL UPRISING! SUPERBOY RELEASED US FROM JAIL!
GREAT SCOTT! THEN THE CRIMINALS WERE THE "RULERS" THAT YOU OVER-THREW, SUPERBOY!

YES, DAD! YOU SEE, BEFORE I HYPNOTIZED MYSELF, I LOOKED FOR SPACE POLICE WITH MY TELESCOPIC VISION! THIS LED ME TO NOTICE THAT CRIMINALS HAD TAKEN OVER ZOORIA!
SO YOU COMMANDED YOURSELF TO OVERTHROW THE RULING AUTHORITIES... THE CRIMINALS! ZOG AND JIX WERE FOOLED!
I WAS ONLY "STEALING" BACK RICHES THAT THE CRIMINALS HAD CONFISCATED! NOW ZOG AND JIX END UP IN JAIL!
BUT, SON! THEY STILL KNOW YOUR SECRET IDENTITY! THEY CAN TIP OFF ZOORIAN CROOKS WHO MIGHT COME TO EARTH AND THREATEN US AGAIN!
RELAX, DAD! ON MY FORMER VISIT TO ZOORIA, I FOUND OUT HOW SOME CRIMINALS ARE REFORMED! WATCH...
WE CANNOT CHANGE THE OLDER CRIMINALS! BUT YOU TWO ARE YOUNG ENOUGH TO HAVE YOUR MINDS WIPED CLEAN OF ALL YOUR CRIMINAL MEMORIES!
MOMENTS LATER...
TO TEST IF YOUR MINDS ARE BLANK, I'LL ASK A KEY QUESTION... WHO IS SUPERBOY ON THE PLANET EARTH?
SUPERBOY? EARTH? NEVER HEARD OF THEM, SIR!
SEE, DAD? THAT BRAIN-WASHING WIPED OUT THEIR MEMORY OF MY SECRET IDENTITY!
NOW, WITH YOUR MINDS FREE OF ALL CRIMINAL THOUGHTS, YOU'LL BE HONEST CITIZENS!
ZOORIAN CORRECTION CE
LATER, AT HOME...
PSST, SON... LOOK! YOUR FATHER'S TRYING TO HYPNOTIZE HIMSELF...
NEVER-DOUBT-SUPERBOY-AGAIN! HE-WOULDN'T-BECOME-A-THIEF-OF-STEEL! REMEMBER THAT, YOU... IDIOT!

JANIE
OH, GOLLY! YEAH--GEE WHIZ! HE'S YUMMY!
OH, JANIE!
YES, MOM?
I DO WISH YOU'D BE MORE CAREFUL WITH YOUR LANGUAGE, JANIE! YOU USE ALTOGETHER TOO MUCH SLANG!
?
PEOPLE JUDGE YOU BY THE LANGUAGE YOU USE, YOU KNOW! AND THERE ARE TWO WORDS I WANT YOU TO PROMISE ME NEVER TO USE! ONE IS GOONY AND THE OTHER IS AWFULISH--WILL YOU PROMISE?
ANYTHING TO OBLIGE, MOM--
--WHAT ARE THE TWO WORDS?

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EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT CLARK KENT IS THE MOST BASHFUL BOY IN SMALLVILLE! BUT NOBODY DREAMS THAT CLARK IS ONLY PRETENDING TO BE MEEK TO LEAVE TIME FOR HIS ACTIVITIES AS SUPERBOY! EVERYONE MISTAKES HIS TIMIDITY AND HIS AVOIDANCE OF COMPANY FOR AN INFERIORITY COMPLEX! THUS, IT IS INEVITABLE THAT ONE DAY HIS BEST FRIENDS DECIDE THAT SOMETHING MUST BE DONE TO CHANGE CLARK'S PERSONALITY SO THAT HE IS NO LONGER...
"The SHYEST BOY IN TOWN!"
B-BUT LANA... BUT RITA... BUT DORIS...
TAKE ME TO THE SCHOOL DANCE, CLARK!
I WON THE MISS SMALLVILLE BEAUTY CONTEST. CLARK WILL FEEL POPULAR WHEN HE'S SEEN WITH ME!
WE GIRLS MUST MAKE CLARK LESS SHY! WE'LL OVERWHELM HIM WITH ATTENTION!
I'M NOT INTERESTED IN SUPERBOY ANYMORE, CLARK! I GO FOR YOU NOW!
NO, DATE ME! WE'LL GO DRIVING IN MY SPORTS CAR!
I'M THE RICHEST GIRL IN TOWN! IT SHOULD BUILD UP CLARK'S EGO THAT I'M CHASING HIM!
ONE DAY, AT SMALLVILLE HIGH, AS MA KENT VISITS DR. WILES, THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST...
I SENT FOR YOU, MRS. KENT, AFTER EXAMINING YOUR SON'S RECORD! WHY DOES CLARK AVOID AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND ALMOST ALL SOCIAL LIFE?
WELL... ER... CLARK IS TIMID!
GUIDANCE TEACHER
SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY
DR. WILES
EXACTLY! BUT HE'D HAVE A HAPPIER LIFE IF HE WEREN'T SO BASHFUL! DO YOU MIND IF I CALL ON CLARK'S FRIENDS TO SEE IF WE CAN CURE HIS SHYNESS?
N-NO... NOT IF YOU FEEL HE NEEDS SUCH HELP!

THAT NIGHT, AT THE KENT HOME...
THIS WAS BOUND TO HAPPEN, SON! YOU'RE TOO MUCH BY YOURSELF FOR PEOPLE NOT TO NOTICE IT AND WONDER!
BUT, DAD, I LIVE A DOUBLE LIFE AS CLARK KENT AND SUPERBOY! I HAVEN'T THE TIME TO LIVE AS OTHER BOYS DO!
MOM COULDN'T TELL DR. WILES THAT I AVOID MANY ACTIVITIES IN ORDER TO BE FREE TO PERFORM AS SUPERBOY! SOMEHOW I MUST MAKE PEOPLE ACCEPT THE WAY I LIVE WITHOUT THEIR THINKING SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH IT!
THE NEXT DAY, AS DR. WILES TALKS TO CLARK'S SCHOOLMATES...
IN SHORT, BOYS AND GIRLS, WE MUST BUILD UP CLARK'S CONFIDENCE! MAKE HIM FEEL POPULAR! THEN MAYBE HE'LL COME OUT OF HIS SHELL!
OKAY, DR. WILES! CLARK'S A SWELL GUY! WE'LL COOPERATE!
DR. WILES
THAT AFTERNOON ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD...
I'VE CUT THIS WIRE SO THIN, THAT WHEN CLARK TACKLES THE DUMMY IT WILL RIP LOOSE! I'LL PRETEND TO BE IMPRESSED AND PUT HIM ON THE TEAM! THAT WILL BUILD UP HIS CONFIDENCE; TRAINING WILL DO THE REST!
OH! OH!
OKAY, CLARK! TACKLE THAT DUMMY-- HARD!
I OVERHEARD THE COACH'S PLAN WITH MY SUPER-HEARING! I MUSTN'T MAKE THE TEAM! IF ANYONE EVER TACKLED ME, THEY COULD BE KILLED! WHAT CAN I DO??
AT THAT MOMENT, AS FATE HAS IT...
AH! MY TELESCOPIC VISION JUST SPOTTED MY DOG, KRYPTO, FLYING OVER SMALLVILLE! HE'S PROBABLY WAITING FOR ME TO PLAY WITH HIM! I'LL COMMAND HIM WITH MY SUPER-VENTRILO-QUISM!
KRYPTO! LISTEN! I WANT YOU TO DO SOMETHING...
WWWWW

SECONDS AFTER, AS CLARK RUNS TOWARD THE DUMMY...
LOOK! THERE'S SUPERBOY'S PET DOG! HE'LL KNOCK DOWN THE DUMMY BEFORE CLARK REACHES IT!
N-NO, KRYPTO! GO BACK!
WOFF! WOOFF!
?GASP!? ... H-HE SMASHED THE DUMMY TO BITS! NOW CLARK CAN'T IMPRESS THE COACH!
NICE WORK, KRYPTO! YOU TOOK THE DUMMY... AND ME... OFF THE HOOK! I'LL RETURN LATER AS SUPERBOY AND GIVE THEM A NEW DUMMY!
WHAMM!
WOOFF!
MORE DIFFICULTY ARISES FOR CLARK THAT NIGHT...
GALS, WE PROMISED DR. WILES TO BUILD UP CLARK'S EGO! SO WE'RE GOING TO PLAY THE KISSING GAME, "SPIN THE BOTTLE"... WITH CLARK THE ONLY BOY IN THE GAME!
Y-YIPE!
I NOW UNDERSTAND WHY ALL MY MALE SCHOOLMATES ARE SUDDENLY LEAVING! THEY'RE IN ON LANA'S SCHEME!
'BYE, LANA! WE'LL BE BACK IN AN HOUR!
YOU KNOW HOW SHY CLARK IS WITH GIRLS! HE SELDOM DATES ANYBODY! BUT MAYBE IF WE MAKE HIM GLAMOROUS, HE'LL STOP BEING TIMID!
COME ALONG, CLARK! WE'VE GOT A SURPRISE FOR YOU!
SIT DOWN-- NOBODY'S GOING TO HURT YOU!
OKAY, BUT WHERE'D THE REST OF THE FELLOWS GO?
WE... ER... GOT RID OF 'EM, CLARK! DIDN'T YOU KNOW WE GIRLS HAVE A CRUSH ON YOU?

WELL, WE DO! SO RELAX AND ENJOY YOURSELF! WE'RE PLAYING "SPIN-THE-BOTTLE"! TWIRL THE BOTTLE, CLARK! YOU'LL HAVE TO KISS THE LUCKY GIRL IT POINTS TO!
NOW I AM STUCK!
THE GIRLS WANT ME TO FEEL GLAMOROUS SO THAT I'LL LEAD A MORE ACTIVE SOCIAL LIFE! BUT I NEED MY AFTER-SCHOOL HOURS FOR MY PRIVATE LIFE AS SUPERBOY! I MUST THINK OF A TRICK TO REMAIN KISS-LESS!
HEY! LOOK WHERE THE BOTTLE STOPPED! IN FRONT OF CLARK! BUT HE CAN'T KISS HIMSELF!
HMM... I'LL SPIN IT RIGHT! WHOEVER IT POINTS TO, KISSES CLARK!
BUT MOMENTS LATER...
L-LANA! IT'S POINTING TO HIM AGAIN! WHAT'S WRONG?
I DON'T KNOW! IT MUST BE SHEER COINCIDENCE! IT CAN'T HAPPEN AGAIN!
THAT'S WHAT SHE THINKS! THE BOTTLE WILL END UP POINTING TO ME EVERY TIME!
TEN MINUTES LATER...
THIS IS THE TWENTIETH TIME I'VE SPUN THE BOTTLE AND AGAIN IT'S STOPPING IN FRONT OF CLARK! I GIVE UP! FATE IS AGAINST US!
POOR GIRLS! THEY DON'T KNOW I GUIDED THE BOTTLE EACH TIME WITH MY SUPER-BREATH TILL IT POINTED TO ME!
HERE'S ONE SCHEME THAT WON'T FLOP! TODAY OUR CLASS IS VOTING FOR THE MOST POPULAR BOY IN SMALLVILLE! WE'RE ALL GOING TO VOTE FOR CLARK! A "VICTORY" WOULD MAKE HIM FEEL LIKE A MILLION DOLLARS!
HMMM!

LOOKS LIKE MY TEACHER IS ALSO IN ON THIS CONSPIRACY TO BUILD UP MY EGO! NOBODY DREAMS I ONLY PRETEND TO BE MEEK! MY SHYNESS IS ALWAYS MISTAKEN FOR AN INFERIORITY COMPLEX!
WHO IS THE MOST POPULAR BOY IN SMALLVILLE? PLACE THE NAME OF YOUR FAVORITE IN THE BALLOT BOX!
SOON... STUDENTS, I MUST GO DOWN TO THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE! ER... CLARK KENT WILL MONITOR THE CLASS TILL I RETURN! MEAN-WHILE... RUN YOUR CONTEST!
I MUST LOSE THIS RIGGED CONTEST DESIGNED TO CURE MY "SHYNESS" BUT HOW?
BALLOT BOX
SHORTLY, WHILE THE TEACHER IS AWAY...
THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO WRITE THE NAME OF THE MOST POPULAR BOY IN SMALLVILLE! IT MUSTN'T BE ME! I DON'T WANT TO BE IN THE PUBLIC EYE!
BUT WHEN THE TEACHER RETURNS AND COUNTS THE SECRET BALLOTS...
GASP! N-NO! THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE! EVERY BALLOT READS SUPERBOY!
BUT HOW CAN T-THAT BE? WE WERE ALL SUPPOSED TO VOTE FOR... ER... I MEAN... GULP!
BALLOT BOX
AS THE CLASS ENDS...
HOW COME WE VOTED FOR SUPERBOY INSTEAD OF CLARK KENT? UNLESS, SUBCONSCIOUSLY, WE TOLD THE TRUTH, SINCE SUPERBOY IS THE MOST POPULAR BOY IN SMALLVILLE!
IF THEY ONLY KNEW!
WHILE THE TEACHER WAS OUT, I TWIRLED A PAPER-CLIP AT SUPER-SPEED IN THE SUNLIGHT! ITS DAZZLING GLEAM HELPED ME USE MASS-SUPER-HYPNOSIS ON THE WHOLE CLASS MAKING THEM VOTE FOR SUPERBOY!
NOW... YOU... WILL... ALL... VOTE... FOR... SUPERBOY!

BUT THE NEXT DAY...
GOOD GRIEF! MR. STANDISH, THE PRINCIPAL OF SMALLVILLE HIGH, IS NOW TRYING TO "HELP" ME, TOO!
WE'LL PLANT THIS HARMLESS FAKE "BOMB" AND GET CLARK TO THROW IT INTO THE RIVER! HE'LL FEEL LIKE A HERO WHEN HE SAVES US!
PRESENTLY...
MR. STANDISH! LOOK! A BOMB!
CLARK! GRAB IT! THROW IT INTO THE RIVER!
IT'S WORKING AS WE PLANNED! ONCE IT'S IN THE WATER, HE'LL NEVER REALIZE IT WAS A PHONY BOMB!
MY MICROSCOPIC VISION REVEALS THAT IT'S A BOWLING BALL WITH A BLACK CANDLE STUCK IN ONE OF THE FINGER HOLES!
SHORTLY... I GUESS MR. STANDISH FIGURED THAT IN THE EXCITEMENT, I'D OBEY HIM AUTOMATICALLY AND NEVER LOOK CLOSELY AT THE SO-CALLED "BOMB"! BUT NOBODY'S MAKING A HERO OUT OF CLARK KENT! I'LL SHAKE MY GLASSES OFF!
...;GASP!; MY GLASSES!
THE GLASSES ARE UNBREAKABLE! NOW TO HAVE SOME FUN AT MR. STANDISH'S EXPENSE!
I CAN'T SEE WITHOUT MY GLASSES! WHERE'S THE WATER? OH! I SEE IT... I THINK!
N-NO, CLARK! NO! ;GASP!; THE OTHER WAY!
IS THE BOMB IN THE WATER? IS EVERYBODY SAFE? WHERE IS EVERYBODY? SPEAK TO ME!
W-WE CAN'T, CLARK! WE'RE SPEECHLESS! YOU SORT OF...ER...MISSED THE WATER! WE'LL HAVE TO DISPOSE OF IT OURSELVES!
GOSH, IT'S A GOOD THING THIS WASN'T A REAL BOMB! WE'D ALL HAVE BEEN KILLED!
SO FAR WE'VE FAILED IN EVERY TRICK TO BUILD UP CLARK'S EGO! WELL, THERE'S ONLY ONE PERSON TO HELP US!... SUPERBOY!
...;GROAN; A NICE FIX! NOW I'M TO HELP MYSELF!

THAT NIGHT, AS SUPERBOY REFEREES A HIGH-SCHOOL HOCKEY GAME...
THE CRUCIAL GAME OF THE SEASON AND CLARK STAYS AWAY! WE MUST TALK TO SUPERBOY ABOUT HIM!
LOOK! THE PUCK'S HEADING STRAIGHT AT SUPERBOY'S FACE! IT'LL BE SMASHED TO BITS!
CRRACKK!

HMM! IF I DUCK, THE SPECTATORS BEHIND ME WILL BE HIT! I'LL HAVE TO PROTECT THEM!
GASP!... HE CAUGHT THE PUCK IN HIS TEETH! WHAT A GOALIE HE WOULD MAKE!
CLICK!

AFTER THE GAME...
LIKE THE REST OF US, CLARK IDOLIZES YOU! MAYBE IF YOU LENT HIM A SUPERBOY UNIFORM... NOT YOUR INDESTRUCTIBLE ONE. OF COURSE... IT MIGHT GIVE CLARK NEW FAITH IN HIMSELF!
OKAY! I'LL DROP OFF A UNIFORM AT HIS HOUSE!
GRANGER HIGH
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THE NEXT DAY...
VERY WELL, DR. WILES! WE'LL OVER-LOOK CLARK'S IMPROPER SCHOOL DRESS! LET'S HOPE WEARING SUPERBOY'S UNIFORM GIVES HIM SELF-CONFIDENCE!
SO THEY'LL GO TO ANY EXTREME TO CHANGE MY SHY PERSONALITY! OKAY! FROM NOW ON, THEY WON'T RECOGNIZE ME!

LATER, ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD...
ONE SIDE, AMATEUR, I'LL SHOW YOU HOW FOOTBALL SHOULD BE PLAYED! PASS ME THE BALL!
HEY! IT'S CLARK! THAT UNIFORM IS DOING THINGS TO HIM! HE ALMOST SOUNDS OVER-CONFIDENT! GIVE HIM THE BALL!

MINUTES AFTER...
OOOFF!
H-HEY! WHERE IS HE?
I-I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT'S THE SAME BOY! HE'S TERRIFIC!
OOOPPS!
W-WHERE'D HE GO?
ZIP!
WHOOOSHH!

I GUESS IT'S SUPERBOY'S UNIFORM THAT MADE THE DIFFERENCE, COACH! IT MAKES CLARK WANT TO BE SUPER, TOO!
I OVERHEARD THAT REMARK WITH MY SUPER-HEARING! I MUST BE CAREFUL NOT TO USE MY SUPER-POWERS ACCIDENTALLY! JUST ENOUGH TO AMAZE PEOPLE!

SOON...
SON, YOU'RE THE BEST BROKEN-FIELD RUNNER I EVER SAW!
AW, C'MON, COACH! I'M BETTER THAN THAT! I'M A ONE-MAN TEAM! I'LL JOIN YOUR TEAM, PROVIDED I DON'T HAVE TO TRAIN! THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN TEACH ME!
COACH

GASP! WHO SAID THIS CHARACTER WAS MEEK! HE'S SO CONCEITED HE'S GOT A SUPER-EGO! BEAT IT, KENT! NO SWELLHEAD'S MAKE MY TEAM!
IT'S YOUR LOSS, CHUM! I'VE GOT BETTER THINGS TO DO, ANYWAY!
I-I'M HEARING THINGS!
COACH

BUT AS DAYS GO BY CLARK'S SCHOOLMATES HEAR EVEN MORE!
MY AMBITION IS TO BECOME PRESIDENT OF THE U.S.! AND I WILL BECAUSE I'M SMARTER THAN ANY-BODY ELSE!
OF COURSE I COULD NEVER BE PRESIDENT! I WAS BORN ON KRYPTON! ONLY U.S. NATIVES CAN BECOME PRESIDENT!
COMPOSITION TITLE: My Ambition is:
GOSH, WHAT A CHANGE IN A BOY! HE NEVER STOPS BOASTING ABOUT HIMSELF!

THE FOLLOWING NIGHT, AT A SCHOOL DANCE...
HEY, BAND! PLAY FASTER! THESE OTHER SQUARES CAN'T DANCE! MAN, I'M A COOL CAT WHO NEEDS A HOT BEAT!
NOBODY CAN KEEP UP WITH HIM! HE'S WEARING US GIRLS OUT! HE NEVER GETS TIRED!

SOON...
SO NOBODY WANTS TO DANCE WITH ME NOW, EH? HECK! I'M TOO GOOD FOR YOU!
DR. WILES! IS THAT THE SHY, MEEK CLARK WHO WON'T COME TO DANCES?
I'M AFRAID IT IS! LOOKS LIKE CLARK HAS ACHIEVED TOO MUCH CHANGE IN HIS PERSONALITY!

NEXT DAY, AS CLARK RUNS FOR G.O. PRESIDENT, ON HIS OWN TICKET...
C'MON, CHICKS! HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO KISS THE HANDSOMEST BOY IN SMALLVILLE AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO WASTE TIME SPINNING THE BOTTLE!
SOME NERVE! HE'S BECOME THE MOST CONCEITED SHOW-OFF IN TOWN!
CLARK KENT'S KISSING BOOTH
A KISS for EVERY GIRL WHO VOTES for CLARK KEN
YOU HAVEN'T BEEN KISSED TILL YOU KISS CLARK KENT
A KISS for EV MISS
IT WAS A MISTAKE, CLARK, OUR GIVING YOU THAT COSTUME TO WEAR! IT SWELLED YOUR HEAD! YOU'VE BECOME AS VAIN AS A PEACOCK!
RIGHT! WE'RE FED UP HEARING YOU BOAST HOW GREAT YOU ARE! WE'D GIVE ANYTHING TO HAVE THE OLD SHY, TIMID CLARK KENT BACK AGAIN!
THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN WAITING TO HEAR!
?GASP!? H-HE'S FLYING UPWARD! BUT CLARK CAN'T FLY! H-HE MUST BE SUPERBOY!
RIGHT! THE REAL CLARK KENT IS THERE! I'VE BEEN IMPERSONATING HIM FOR DAYS... TO TEACH YOU A LESSON BY SHOWING WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN IF CLARK'S PERSONALITY WERE CHANGED! I BELIEVE THAT A PERSON HAS THE RIGHT TO LIVE HIS OWN LIFE WITHOUT INTERFERENCE!
GOSH, I-I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT, SUPER-BOY! CLARK SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SHY AND TIMID IF HE WANTS TO!
EXACTLY! NOW I MUST GO!
LITTLE DO THEY KNOW THAT THE BOY THEY'RE GATHERING AROUND IS A CLARK KENT ROBOT!
THE NEXT MORNING...
OH CLARK! I'M WRITING TO YOUR MOTHER! WE... FEEL THERE'S NO PROBLEM NOW! WE'LL ACCEPT YOU AS YOU ARE!!
THANKS DR. WILES!
I GUESS EVERYBODY PREFERS THE SHYEST BOY IN TOWN TO THE BOLDEST! AND MOST OF ALL... ME...
THE END

JERRY
THE JITTERBUG
SORRY, JERRY, I'M BUSY THIS AFTERNOON!
WHAT'S THAT, TIM, YOU'RE GOING SOMEPLACE TODAY? OKAY--SO LONG!
HELLO, AL--WHAT ARE YOU DOING THIS AFTERNOON?
GOSH, EVERYBODY IS BUSY TODAY! NOT A THING FOR ME TO DO!
LOOK HOW CONSCIENTIOUS JERRY IS GETTING! I DIDN'T HAVE TO REMIND HIM ONCE THAT HE WAS SUPPOSED TO MOW THE LAWN TODAY!
END

COMING...
APRIL
LOIS LANE
COMICS
NOW ON SALE
LOIS LANE becomes a menace to SUPERMAN when fate transforms her into...
"The KRYPTONITE GIRL!"
APRIL
JIMMY OLSEN
COMICS
NOW ON SALE
NOT EVEN HIS BEST FRIEND, SUPERMAN, CAN UNDO JIMMY OLSEN'S FATE WHEN HE BECOMES...
"The WOLF-MAN of METROPOLIS!"
More Thrills than BIZARRO!
Stranger than FRANKENSTEIN!
SUPERMAN
APRIL
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SUPERBOY

The ADVENTURES of SUPERMAN WHEN HE WAS A BOY

WE ALL HAVE OUR SECRET HOPES AND DREAMS. ONE OF SUPERBOY'S SECRET DESIRES IS TO KNOW A HUMAN PAL POSSESSING SUPER-POWERS EQUAL TO HIS, SO THAT THE TWO CAN SUPER-ROMP TOGETHER! BUT SINCE SUPERBOY IS THE ONLY HUMAN ON EARTH WITH SUPER-POWERS, IS THIS HOPE DOOMED NEVER TO COME TRUE? YES...AND... NO! IN ORDER FOR YOU TO UNDERSTAND HOW, SEE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN, THROUGH AN AMAZING SET OF CIRCUMSTANCES...

SUPERBOY meets SUPERGIRL!

GOSH, PLAYING HIDE-AND-SEEK IN OUTER-SPACE WITH SUPERGIRL IS LOADS OF FUN!

HA, HA! WHAT A TERRIFIC HIDING PLACE! COUSIN SUPERBOY CAN'T SEE ME HIDING BEHIND THIS LEAD METEOR, EVEN WITH HIS X-RAY VISION!

THIS STORY OPENS IN THE YEAR 1960, DEEP IN THE HEART OF FRIGID ANTARCTICA, AS SUPERMAN AND HIS YOUNG COUSIN, SUPERGIRL, PLAYFULLY CREATE A COLOSSAL SNOWMAN...

WHAT FUN THIS IS, SUPERMAN! ...HMMM... WHY AREN'T YOU SMILING?

I JUST RECALLED SOMETHING UNHAPPY ABOUT MY CHILDHOOD...

MANY YEARS AGO, WHEN I LIVED IN SMALLVILLE AS SUPERBOY, I COULD NEVER PLAY WITH KIDS MY OWN AGE FOR FEAR OF GIVING AWAY MY IDENTITY! OH, HOW I LONGED FOR A HUMAN PLAYMATE WHO WAS SUPER, LIKE MYSELF!

I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL! I, TOO, DARE NOT PLAY WITH ANYONE MY OWN AGE!

LATER, AFTER SUPERMAN AND SUPERGIRL GO SEPARATE WAYS...
I'M NOT JUST GOING TO FEEL SORRY FOR SUPERBOY, AND MYSELF,! I'M GOING TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT! FIRST, I'LL SPEED FASTER THAN LIGHT...
SOON, HER INCREDIBLE SUPER-SPEED ENABLES SUPERGIRL TO CRASH THE TIME-BARRIER!...
SUPERBOY, HERE I COME!
1950
1940
1938
MEANWHILE, BACK IN THE PAST, AS SUPERBOY FLIES THROUGH THE STRATOSPHERE OVER SMALLVILLE, ON HIS REGULAR PATROL...
NOTHING SENSATIONAL GOING ON! I'LL PEEK DOWN INTO TOMMY DALE'S PLAYROOM WITH MY TELESCOPIC AND X-RAY VISION, AND SEE HOW SOME OF MY FRIENDS ARE DOING...
AND IN THE PLAYROOM, FAR BELOW...
GEE, HOP-SCOTCH IS A SWELL INDOOR GAME!
THE KIDS HAVE TAKEN OVER THE PLAYROOM! LET'S GO PLAY BASEBALL!
IN THE STRATOSPHERE...
"BASEBALL"! GAMES REQUIRING ORDINARY SKILL DON'T THRILL ME! IF ONLY I HAD SOMEONE WITH SUPER-POWERS TO PLAY AGAINST ME...
SUDDENLY...
GULP!... Y-YOU POPPED OUT OF THE EMPTY AIR, WEARING A COSTUME LIKE MINE, AND YOU CAN FLY, TOO! WHO ARE YOU?!
I'M YOUR COUSIN SUPERGIRL, FROM OUT OF THE FUTURE! GLAD TO MEET YOU, SUPERBOY!

QUICKLY, **SUPERGIRL** EXPLAINS TO **SUPERBOY** HOW SHE, TOO, CAME TO EARTH AFTER THE DESTRUCTION OF THE PLANET **KRYPTON***...

WHEN **KRYPTON** BLEW UP, BY SHEER LUCK A GREAT CHUNK OF THE PLANET WAS HURLED AWAY INTACT WITH PEOPLE ON IT, TOGETHER WITH A LARGE BUBBLE OF AIR...

*SEE **ACTION COMICS**, MAY, 1959 ISSUE, FOR THE FULL STORY OF SUPERGIRL'S ORIGIN.

"YOUR FATHER'S BROTHER, ZOR-EL, WAS ONE OF THE SURVIVORS. WHEN THE FRAGMENT TURNED INTO **KRYPTONITE**, HE HAD IT COVERED WITH LEAD-SHEET METAL FROM HIS LABORATORY..."

THAT'S LEAD FOIL, WHICH STOPS ALL RADIATIONS! COVER ALL THE GROUND AROUND OUR HOMES! IT WILL ALLOW US TO SURVIVE, SAFE FROM THE **KRYPTONITE** RAYS!

"YEARS LATER, ZOR-EL TOOK A WIFE, AND A DAUGHTER WAS BORN TO THEM...**ME!** BUT WHEN I GREW TO GIRLHOOD, METEORS SMASHED HOLES IN THE LEAD SHIELD...

OUR SUPER-SPACE TELESCOPE REVEALS A MAN FROM **KRYPTON** HAS BECOME A **SUPERMAN** ON EARTH! YOU MUST WEAR THIS COSTUME SIMILAR TO HIS, AND JOIN HIM!

YOU WILL HAVE SUPER-POWERS ON EARTH, AND YOUR COSTUME WILL BE INVULNERABLE, TOO, DUE TO EARTH'S LESSER GRAVITY! HURRY! THE **KRYPTONITE** RADIATIONS HAVE REACHED THE DANGER POINT!

"I WAS SHOT FREE OF MY DOOMED PEOPLE, IN AN EXPERIMENTAL ROCKET, BARELY IN TIME. REACHING EARTH, I LEARNED I WAS **SUPERMAN'S** COUSIN. I NOW LIVE ON EARTH, IN THE YEAR 1960, AIDING **SUPERMAN**..."

FAREWELL, KARA...;GASP!;

MY FATHER...MOTHER...ALL THE PEOPLE ARE DYING! I'M AN ORPHAN OF SPACE NOW... ;SOB;

IN THE YEAR 1960, I MASQUERADE AS LINDA LEE, AN ORPHAN IN THE MIDVALE ORPHANAGE! I PROMISED **SUPERMAN** TO REVEAL MY SECRET TO NO ONE THAT I AM ON EARTH, BUT SINCE YOU ARE **SUPERMAN** WHEN HE WAS YOUNG, I GUESS IT'S ALL RIGHT FOR **YOU** TO KNOW!

AND YOU CAME INTO THE PAST, SO WE COULD SUPER-ROMP TOGETHER! SWELL!!

SWIFTLY, **SUPERBOY** GETS SOME MATERIALS FROM HIS HOME LAB, THEN HE AND HIS COUSIN FLY TO A SECLUDED VALLEY...

I'LL HAVE THIS TARGET-BANNER TIED AROUND ME, RIGHT AWAY!

THEN WE'LL PLAY SUPER-DARTS!

PRESENTLY...
IT'S ANOTHER BULL'S-EYE! GREAT SHOOTING, SUPERGIRL! THIS IS SUPER-FUN!
POOR SUPERBOY! IN A FEW DAYS I MUST LEAVE HIM! HE'LL NEVER SEE ME AGAIN UNTIL HE GROWS UP TO BE SUPERMAN!
SOON...
LET'S CONTINUE OUR PLAY IN OUTER SPACE! IF ANYONE ON EARTH SAW YOU, IT WOULD BETRAY THE SECRET OF YOUR EXISTENCE!
I'LL RACE YOU TO THE PLANET HEBOS!
AND AS TRILLIONS OF MILES ARE SPANNED IN SECONDS...
HA, HA! I PUT ON A BURST OF SUPER-SPEED, AND LEFT HER FAR BEHIND! NICE KID, BUT SHE'S NO MATCH FOR ME!
BUT AS THE BOY OF STEEL REACHES HEBOS, A PLANET CIRCLING THE DISTANT STAR ALPHA CENTAURI...
HMM... THERE'S A LIFE-SIZED STONE STATUE OF SUPERGIRL! WAIT! I'VE GOT A HUNCH!
AND AS SUPERBOY MOVES HIS EAR CLOSER TO THE STATUE...
AH-HA! JUST AS I THOUGHT! MY SUPER-HEARING DETECTS A HEART BEATING!
THUMP... THUMP!
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I'M NOT FOOLED, SUPERGIRL! YOU'RE HIDING INSIDE THAT STONE COVERING! YOU MUST HAVE ARRIVED AHEAD OF ME, THEN FLOWN IN AND OUT OF MOLTEN LAVA!
CLEV-ER BOY! I DELIBERATELY FAILED TO STOP THE BEATING OF MY HEART TO SEE IF YOU WERE SMART ENOUGH TO FIND THE CLUE!
HOW DID YOU, A MERE GIRL, EVER GET HERE AHEAD OF ME?
YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO GET USED TO THE IDEA THAT A SUPERGIRL CAN BE JUST AS SUPER-DUPER AS A SUPERBOY!
YOU'RE RIGHT! GOSH, WHAT A GIRL!
LET'S SIT DOWN A FEW MINUTES, SUPERBOY, AND TALK!
SUPERMAN TOLD ME HOW MUCH YOU MISS HAVING A SUPER-PLAYMATE... BUT CAN'T YOU PLAY WITH KRYPTO... AND YOUR ROBOTS...?
IT'S NOT THE SAME AS HAVING A HUMAN SUPER-PLAYMATE! THANKS FOR VISITING THE PAST! IT... MEANS A LOT TO ME. I'VE NEVER BEEN SO HAPPY!
ME, TOO... NOW, LET'S PLAY CATCH!
SOON, IN OUTER SPACE BEGINS THE MOST SPECTACULAR GAME OF BALL OF ALL TIME...
ATTAGIRL! TOSS THAT LUNAR SATELLITE RIGHT OVER THE PLATE!
I DIDN'T USE MY SPEED-BALL PITCH, OR THAT MOON WOULD HAVE EXPLODED WHEN IT STRUCK SUPERBOY'S HANDS!

NEXT, SPACE LEAP-FROG...
WHEEEEE!
LOOK AT HER GO! WOW!!
THEN, AS THEY PLAY "HIDE-AND-GO-SEEK"...
WHERE'D SHE GO? NO USE TRYING TO SHOUT TO HER, BECAUSE SOUND DOESN'T TRAVEL IN THE VACUUM OF OUTER-SPACE!
VAINLY, SUPERBOY SEARCHES...
SHE WASN'T IN THE SPACE-CLOUD. I SENSE SHE'S SOMEWHERE HEREABOUTS, LAUGHING AT ME BECAUSE I CAN'T FIND HER!
ABRUPTLY, OUT OF THE HEART OF A FIERY SUN, STREAKS SUPERGIRL! NEITHER SHE NOR HER INVULNERABLE COSTUME IS AFFECTED BY THE STAR'S INCREDIBLE HEAT...
HA, HA! THE SURPRISED EXPRESSION ON HIS FACE... HOW FUNNY!
SHE HID INSIDE THE SUN! WHAT A HIDING PLACE! WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF IT, FIRST?
AFTERWARD, THE SUPER-DUO DIVES TOWARD THE SURFACE OF A COMPLETELY WATER-COVERED WORLD...
IT WAS PRETTY HOT IN THE CENTER OF THAT SUN! I THINK I'LL COOL OFF WITH A REFRESHING SWIM!
MAY I JOIN YOU?

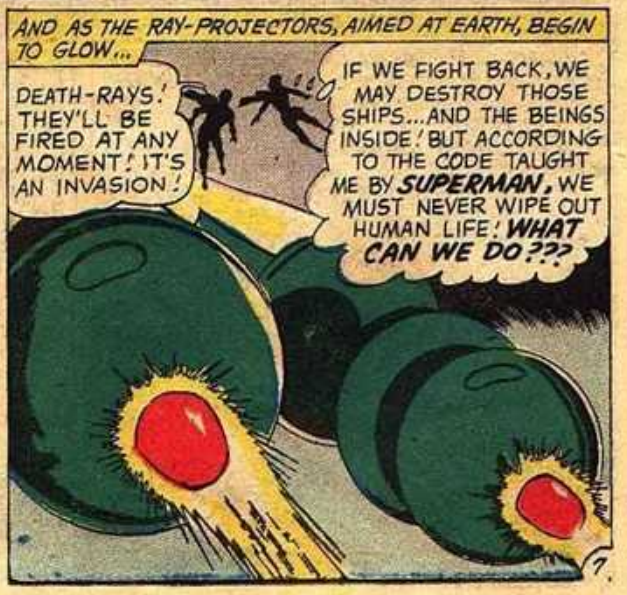
SIDE-BY-SIDE, SUPERBOY AND SUPERGIRL BRAVE THE UNKNOWN WATERS OF A STRANGE AQUA-WORLD, SWIMMING AT SUCH AMAZING SPEED THAT THE WATERS SPLIT AND REAR ABOVE THEM LIKE EERIE, LIQUID MOUNTAINS...

BUT THEN..
GIANT, TALONED, METAL CLAWS...OUT OF THE DEPTHS!!
LOOK OUT!!
WHAT STRANGE, UNKNOWN MENACE IS THIS?!!

PRESENTLY, THE ANSWER IS CLEAR...
THE CLAWS ARE BEING OPERATED FROM THAT MERMAN CRAFT!
THEY'RE FISHING! AND THE "CATCH" IS...US!

SWIFTLY, THE SUPER-COUSINS FREE THEMSELVES FROM THE CLAWING MENACE WITH A SURGE OF TREMENDOUSLY SUPER-POWERFUL MUSCLES...
WE CAME HERE FOR LAUGHS, NOT TO BE THE MAIN COURSE FOR A MERMAN DINNER!
'BYE-BYE, WATER WORLD! YOU'RE ALL WET!

LATER, AS SUPERBOY AND SUPERGIRL RETURN HOMEWARD...
TWO STRANGE SPACE-SHIPS...HEADING TOWARD EARTH!
ARE THEY FRIENDLY?


AND AS THE RAY-PROJECTORS, AIMED AT EARTH, BEGIN TO GLOW...
DEATH-RAYS! THEY'LL BE FIRED AT ANY MOMENT! IT'S AN INVASION!
IF WE FIGHT BACK, WE MAY DESTROY THOSE SHIPS...AND THE BEINGS INSIDE! BUT ACCORDING TO THE CODE TAUGHT ME BY SUPERMAN, WE MUST NEVER WIPE OUT HUMAN LIFE! WHAT CAN WE DO???

SIMULTANEOUSLY, THE SPACE COUSINS EXPLORE THE INTERIOR OF THE SHIPS WITH THEIR SUPER-VISION, AND SEE...
ROBOTS!!! THEY MUST BE ADVANCE SCOUTS SENT TO SEE IF EARTH CAN BE EASILY CONQUERED!
ROBOTS! I'VE SIGNALED SUPERBOY, AND I THINK HE UNDERSTANDS MY PLAN!
THERE! NOW THEY CAN FIRE THEIR RAYS ALL THEY WANT!
WORKING IN SMOOTH UNISON, SUPERBOY AND SUPERGIRL EACH SEIZE A SPACESHIP, AND...
THEN...
THEY'RE STRUCK BY THEIR OWN RAYS! THE SHIPS ARE GLOWING!
UNHARMED BY THE MIGHTY EXPLOSIONS, THE SUPER-DUO FLASHES ON INTO EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE...
END OF INVASION!
WHEN I DECIDED TO TRAVEL INTO THE PAST TO VISIT MY COUSIN, I NEVER DREAMT I'D HELP SPOIL AN INTERPLANETARY INVASION OF EARTH!
SOON...ATOP MOUNT EVEREST...
I GUESS YOU'LL BE RETURNING TO THE YEAR 1960, NOW! I-I'LL NEVER FORGET YOU, SUPERGIRL!
;GASP!; I JUST HAD A HORRIBLE THOUGHT ABOUT YOU AND ME!!

WHAT IF SOMEDAY, PERHAPS WHILE DELIRIOUS FROM KRYPTONITE FEVER, YOU ACCIDENTALLY LET IT SLIP THAT A SUPERGIRL IS COMING TO EARTH, IN THE FUTURE...!
IT COULD RUIN YOUR BEING THE SECRET ACE UP SUPERMAN'S SLEEVE!

I GOOFED! SUPERMAN WILL BE INFURIATED WHEN I RETURN TO THE FUTURE AND TELL HIM OF THIS BLUNDER! MAYBE HE WILL EXILE ME FROM EARTH PERMANENTLY!
GOSH, WE CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN! WE'VE GOT TO THINK OF SOMETHING!

SUDDENLY, A SUPER-INSPIRATION...
SUPERMAN ONCE WARNED ME THAT ANYONE WHO INHALES THE FRAGRANCE OF THE GIANT RED FLOWERS ATOP "PURPLE TRIANGLE MOUNTAIN" ON THE PLANET ALBO, IN THE FOREIGN GALAXY XUROLU, FORGETS EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED DURING THE PRECEDING WEEK! EVEN SUPER-BEINGS, LIKE US!
I GET IT! THE LAWS OF SCIENCE DIFFER FROM OURS, IN THAT GALAXY!

AS SUPERGIRL FLASHES THROUGH THE TIME-BARRIER INTO THE FUTURE, SUPERBOY STREAKS TO THE PLANET ALBO, AND...
HOW... DELICIOUSLY FRAGRANT! ODD, I CAN'T REMEMBER WHY I CAME HERE OR WHAT HAPPENED DURING THE LAST WEEK! I'D... BETTER... GET BACK TO EARTH...!

RETURNED TO THE PRESENT, SUPERGIRL CHANGES BACK TO HER EVERYDAY IDENTITY AS LINDA LEE, IN MIDVALE ORPHANAGE...
IT WAS SUCH FUN BEING SUPERBOY'S SUPER-PLAYMATE! MAYBE I'LL CROSS THE TIME-BARRIER AGAIN SOME DAY, TO SEE HIM ONCE MORE!

AND BACK IN SMALLVILLE, IN THE PAST, AFTER SUPERBOY HAS RESUMED HIS IDENTITY AS CLARK KENT...
DINNER TIME, CLARK!
COMING, MA!
I GUESS I'LL NEVER KNOW THE JOY OF HAVING A SUPER-PLAYMATE!
WOULDN'T SUPERBOY BE AMAZED IF HE KNEW THAT HIS BURNING DESIRE HAD ACTUALLY COME TRUE?!